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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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1. AMBASSADOR ABDELMUHSIN AL-SUDEARY (SAUDI-ARABIA), CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) CALLED ON ME AT NOON JUNE 20 TO DISCUSS RATIFICATION OF THE IFAD AGREEMENT BEFORE THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION JULY 11-15. HE HAS SENT TELEGRAMS TO ALL MEMBERS COUNTRIES ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON THEIR RATIFICATION SCHEDULES, TARGETING FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION, WHICH IS TO SCHEDULE THE CONVENING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

2. AL-SUDEARY SAID THAT DENMARK, HOLLAND, AND NORWAY HAVE RESPONDED THAT THEY WILL RATIFY IN THE JUNE-JULY TIME-FRAME. LIBYA HAS ALREADY RATIFIED, KUWAIT AND THE EMIRATES ARE COMING SHORTLY, AND AL-SUDEARY HAS INFORMATION THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE RATIFYING VERY SOON. AL-SUDEARY HAS NO FIRM INFORMATION ON IRANIAN RATIFICATION, AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IS OCCASIONING THEIR DELAY,  
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BUT SAYS THEY HAVE NEVER CONDITIONED THEIR RATIFICATION UPON THE QUESTION OF THE SITE AND HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE PRESSING AHEAD ON IT.

3. AL-SUDEARY URGES AGAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES GO AHEAD TO RATIFY OR ANNOUNCE ITS DATE OF RATIFICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO SO- A TOTAL OF \$750 MILLION WILL BE NEEDED

FROM RATIFYING COUNTRIES, AND IN NUMBER OF COUNTRIES 6 EACH FROM CATEGORY I (OECD/DAC) AND CATEGORY II (OPEC) AND 24 FROM CATEGORY III (RECIPIENT COUNTRIES) TO PLACE THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RATIFY THE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR AT LEAST ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO DO SO WELL IN ADVANCE OF JULY 15. WE SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY HOLDING UP OUR RATIFICATION. IT CANNOT BE USED AS A BARGAINING COUNTER FOR PRESIDENCY, VICE-PRESIDENCY OR PERMANENT SITE, SINCE THESE ARE TO BE DECIDED AFTER THE AGREEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT. IF WE HOLD UP, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE DELAYED.  
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